

[0035] FIG. 7 is a flow diagram illustrating an example method for displaying images on a first and second user interface according to an example embodiment of the invention. At 705, the example method begins. At 710, an indication of an apparatus configuration is received from at least one sensor. In an example embodiment, an indication of an apparatus configuration such as but not limited to an open configuration, a closed configuration, a flat configuration, a tablet configuration and/or the like is received by a processor such as processor 602 of FIG. 6 from at least one sensor such as sensor 614 of FIG. 6. At 715, a determination is made whether an apparatus such as apparatus 100 of FIG. 6 is in a tablet configuration. In an example embodiment, a processor such as process 602 determines whether an apparatus is in a tablet configuration by considering at least one indication received by at least one sensor such as sensor 614.

[0036] At 720, a single image is displayed on a first user interface and a second user interface of an apparatus when the apparatus is in a tablet configuration. In an example embodiment, a processor such as processor 602 of FIG. 6 displays a single image using both a first and second user interface such first user interface 125 of FIG. 4 and second user interface 130 of FIG. 4 when the apparatus is in a tablet configuration. For example, as depicted in FIG. 4, an image of an electronic calculator may be displayed as a single image on both first user interface 125 and second user interface 130.

[0037] At 730, when the apparatus is not in a tablet configuration, separate images are displayed on a first user interface and a second user interface such as user interface 125 and user interface 130 both of FIG. 4. For example, as in FIG. 3, a virtual keyboard is displayed on user interface 126 and separate image is displayed on user interface 130 while the apparatus is in not in a tablet configuration.

[0038] At 740, a substantially continuous user interface is provided between a first user interface and a second user interface when an apparatus is in a tablet configuration. For example, while apparatus 100 of FIG. 4 is in a tablet configuration, a user may write letters, numbers, symbols and/or the like on a first user interface, a second user interface and/or across a first and second user interface of the apparatus. For example, in FIG. 4, the number “2” 146 is written across first user interface 125 and second user interface 130 of apparatus 100. A processor such as processor 602 of FIG. 6 may be configured to provide a continuous user interface by interpreting user input, which spans across multiple user interfaces such as user interfaces 125 and 130 of FIG. 4 when an apparatus such as apparatus 100 is in a tablet configuration.

[0039] At 750, substantially separate user interfaces are provided on first and second user interfaces when the apparatus is not in a tablet configuration. For example, while an apparatus such as apparatus 100 of FIG. 3 is not in a tablet configuration, a user may write letters, numbers, symbols and/or the like on a first and/or second user interface such as first and second user interfaces 125 and 130 of FIG. 3, but not across the first and second user interfaces. In an example embodiment, processor such as processor 602 of FIG. 6 is configured to provide substantially separate user interfaces by interpreting user input separately on multiple user interfaces such as user interfaces 125 and 130 of FIG. 3. At 760, the example method ends.

[0040] Without in any way limiting the scope, interpretation, or application of the claims appearing below, a technical effect of one or more of the example embodiments disclosed herein is to provide an apparatus in tablet configuration with-

out exposing any hinges. Another technical effect of one or more of the example embodiments disclosed herein is to provide a substantially continuous user interface across multiple body parts of an apparatus when an apparatus is in a tablet configuration.

[0041] Embodiments of the present invention may be implemented in software, hardware, application logic or a combination of software, hardware and application logic. The software, application logic and/or hardware may reside on an electronic device such as but not limited to a mobile communications device. In an example embodiment, the application logic, software or an instruction set is maintained on any one of various conventional computer-readable media. In the context of this document, a “computer-readable medium” may be any media or means that can contain, store, communicate, propagate or transport the instructions for use by or in connection with an instruction execution system, apparatus, or device, such as a computer, with one example of a computer described and depicted in FIG. 6. A computer-readable medium may comprise a computer-readable storage medium that may be any media or means that can contain or store the instructions for use by or in connection with an instruction execution system, apparatus, or device, such as a computer.

[0042] If desired, the different functions discussed herein may be performed in a different order and/or concurrently with each other. Furthermore, if desired, one or more of the above-described functions may be optional or may be combined.

[0043] Although various aspects of the invention are set out in the independent claims, other aspects of the invention comprise other combinations of features from the described embodiments and/or the dependent claims with the features of the independent claims, and not solely the combinations explicitly set out in the claims.

[0044] It is also noted herein that while the above describes example embodiments of the invention, these descriptions should not be viewed in a limiting sense. Rather, there are several variations and modifications which may be made without departing from the scope of the present invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a first body part;

a second body part; and

at least one hinge coupling said first body part with said second body part, said at least one hinge enabling relative rotational movement of said first body part and said second body part with respect to each other between at least one closed configuration and at least one open configuration,

said apparatus having a tablet configuration such that said at least one hinge is retractable into at least one of said first body part and said second body part while in said at least one open configuration.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a first user interface disposed on a first surface of said first body part and a second user interface disposed on a first surface of said second body part, wherein said first user interface and said second user interface face in substantially the same direction when said apparatus is in said tablet configuration.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first user interface and said second user interface form a substantially continuous surface when said apparatus is in said tablet configuration.